

THE BRITISH COLONIST

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To Advertisers & the Public:

THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST, published every morning, (Sundays excepted), in the largest and most popular journal in Her Majesty's Possessions on the Pacific. Subscribers will have the same facilities for their residence at 25 cents per week, by mailing their address at the Office of Publication.

THE WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST, published every Tuesday, will be sent at the price of 50 cents per week, ready for mailing, at 25 cents per week, payable to the carrier.

JOB PRINTING.

THE BRITISH COLONIST, 1866, Lithograph, 1000 copies, will be ready to their stock of fine and beautiful Jobbing type, will execute orders to any extent at the price of 50 cents per week, at a slight advance on San Francisco prices.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

For formal notice of Births, Deaths, and Marriages intended for insertion in this paper must be prepaid at the following rates: For Births and marriages, \$1 50; for deaths, \$1; for funeral notices, \$1 50.

GOVERNOR KENNEDY AND THE CORONER.

His Excellency Arthur Edward Kennedy has, after a sojourn of two years in the colony of Vancouver Island, and after various expressions of public opinion against a large official expenditure, at length seen the necessity of retrenchment. If we applied the illustration of the rejoicing over the one sinner that repented, we should say His Excellency's conversion is a matter of general jubilation over the length and breadth of the colony. It is nothing to the purpose to state that Governor Kennedy had asked the people of Vancouver Island to raise \$400,000 for 1865, and that his demands for 1866, although scarcely so exorbitant, were outrageously beyond the capacity of the population—it is nothing to the purpose to say that not until the House had decided on laying off from the present estimates and the promised supplementary ones some seventy or eighty thousand dollars that His Excellency became imbued with the desire to lighten the public burdens—we say all this is nothing to the purpose; Governor Kennedy has decided on a scheme of retrenchment—a scheme such as a daring and economic mind could alone originate—a scheme which will, if honestly carried out, save the colony the sum of two hundred and sixty dollars a year. Let us give honor to whom honor is due. Two hundred and sixty dollars are not to be picked up every day. Computing our population at 5000 persons, we have the taxation reduced by this fatiguing scheme of His Excellency exactly five cents and one-fifth of a cent per head! Who shall say after this that Governor Kennedy's administration is an extravagant one? Who shall say that the Executive are callous to public opinion?

It is not, however, on the ground of economy alone that we are forced to admire this claret but well-digested scheme of retrenchment—an obnoxious public man has been made to feel the wrath of an outraged Executive. Dr. Dickson has met his well-merited doom. He voted for a reduction in the public expenditure—he opposed, on every legitimate ground, the ruling powers—it is even whispered that he defied the Governor. Shades of despotism! what could we have more? A thousand deaths would scarcely satisfy outraged justice. We live, however, in an age of clemency, and the coroner's office, not his life, has paid the forfeit. Let this, at all events, be a warning to our public men. Let them tread lightly on the sacred ground of Executive domain. A gubernatorial eye is upon them—a gubernatorial sword, more terrible than that of Damocles, is suspended over their heads. Dr. Dickson went to bed, a coroner with emoluments of \$260 a year—he awoke to find himself a M.D.—his glory having departed from him, his office having been taken away. Let us hope that the sympathy he expended on the officials will prove like bread upon the waters and come back to him; and that the terrible pecuniary loss to which his misconduct has subjected him will guide his political foot-steps in the pathway that leads not to public good, but to the much higher destination, the whim and caprice of His Excellency Governor Kennedy.

Of course, there are perverse people on Vancouver Island who will take a different view of this matter,—who will give His Excellency credit for neither his \$260 scheme of retrenchment nor his anxiety for relieving a member of the Assembly of his public office,—who will, in fact, see in the whole matter nothing but an oblation of childish spleen. To these individuals it will appear that His Excellency has not only violated constitutional but statutory law; and that he has taken a step which he will have to retract. We will at present content ourselves with discussing the merits of the question in a Parliamentary light. It will be in the recollection of every one who has given any attention to the estimates, that Governor Kennedy asked the House to vote \$1000 for expenses of inquests, including coroner's fees. When this subject came up before the Assembly it was moved by a member that the offices of coroner and stipendiary magistrate should be amalgamated, or, in other words, that the same arrangement which His Excellency is attempting to effect should be carried out. After a lengthy discussion, in which it was shown that, independent of the impropriety of the scheme, there would be no saving in expense, the Committee of Supply resolved unanimously that the effects should remain separate, and that \$800 instead of \$1,000 should be voted. His Excellency, however, after asking the House to vote a sum of money for coroner's fees, turns round when the House has done so, accepts the \$800 which was voted for the total expenses of inquests, and does or attempts to do what the House distinctly and by a deliberate vote said should not be done—amalgamate the office of coroner with that of stipendiary magistrate. Now independent of all other matters here arises the grave question of a Governor of a colony deliberately setting at defiance a resolution of the House of Assembly respecting the expenditure of the public money. It is quite clear if His Excellency can set aside one legitimate resolution he can set aside another, and expend the public money just as he pleases. This is not a mere question of who should be coroner or who should not, or of whether the colony would gain \$240 a year by the retention of Dr. Dickson, or whether it would lose it—it is a question whether the people's representatives in their efforts to cut down the public burdens are to be met with despotic assumption on the part of the Governor, and to be virtually told that their votes and their resolutions are so much waste breath and so much waste paper. The same outrage was perpetrated last year in the case

of Superintendent and Inspector of Police. What makes the action of His Excellency ridiculous as well as unconstitutional is the fact that the House has decided that the retention or abolition of the stipendiary magistrate will rest with the municipality of Victoria. The consequence would be if the stipendiary magistrate were abolished the coronership would be abolished also—an act which no municipality could perform. We have not space to discuss the question at greater length in the present issue, but we may assure His Excellency that the people of Vancouver Island will tolerate no animus in the Executive of the Colony against any individual, high or low; nor will they accept this attack on the coroner as a means to divide public opinion and distract the general attention from the retrenchment scheme of the Assembly. But few of the officials, whose salaries have been abolished by the House, have been discharged; it is in fact currently reported that the great bulk of them will still be retained. At any rate the public are watching carefully the Executive action, and what is demanded of the Governor and his constitutional advisers is fair and dignified dealing with the representatives of the people. If this course be not adopted, His Excellency and his official friends may as well make up their minds to a *son-voyage*; for their tenure of office in Vancouver Island will be extremely short duration.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



TRADE LICENSES AMENDMENT ACTS, 1859 AND 1865.

THE COURT OF REVENUE FOR TRADE will be convened on the 12th instant, at the Sheriff's Office, on THURSDAY, the 11th day of February, instant, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

CHARLES G. WYLLIE, Assessor.

Assessor's office, 1st February, 1866. feb 1

For Sale or to Let.
THE FASHION HOTEL
AND CONCERT ROOM!
And all the appurtenances thereto belonging.

IT HAVING BECOME NECESSARY
for the undersigned to resume possession of the above named premises, he is anxious to dispose of the same on reasonable terms, and until so disposed of, the

BAR, BILLIARD,
AND—
Lodging Departments,
ONLY:

WILL BE CONTINUED OPEN for the accommodation of the public, under the management of MR. CHAS. BROOKS.

N. B.—THE CONCERT ROOM IS PERMANENTLY CLOSED, AND THE FIFTH-CLASS CONCERT PIANO, which is offered for sale at a very low figure.

JOHN C. KENNEDY,
For further particulars apply on the premises or to Messrs. Parkes & Green, Solicitors, Government street, Victoria, V. I.

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Dissolution of Partnership.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Partnership hitherto existing between the undersigned Isidor Braverman and Herman Lewin, carrying on business as Tobacco Merchants, under the name of "Braverman & Lewin," of Yates street, Victoria, V. I., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

Dated the second day of February, A. D. 1866.

HEINR. LEWIN,
ISIDOR BRAVERMAN

Witness,

Graham Hankin,

Solicitors, Government st., Victoria, V. I.

The business will in future be carried on by Herman Lewin.

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Saanich Mill Company.

A GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Saanich Mill Company will be held at PORTER'S Saanich Hotel, on Wednesday, the 11th day of February next, when a full attendance is requested as most important questions will come before the meeting.

By order,

HENRY FRY,
Secretary, 1st February, 1866.

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MASONIC.

VICTORIA LOUNGE, No. 783, E. R.

A THE BRETHREN ARE HEREBY requested to attend the funeral of Mr. John Mann, from her late residence, 16th street, New Douglas street, on SUNDAY NEXT, the 4th instant, at 1 P. M.

By order of the W. M.

WILLIAM LEIGH, Secretary.

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RAFFLE.

THE CELEBRATED RACE MARE
"LUCY,"

Will be Raffled for at the

BEE HIVE HOTEL,
FORT STREET,

100 Tickets. - - - 83 75 each.

The owner and winner to spend \$20 each.

Tickets can be obtained of E. R. Thomas, Proprietor of the Bee Hive Hotel.

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notice.

H. C. HÖRCHNER BEGINS LEAVE TO notify the public that he has this day and will remain at the Hotel Victoria, 16th street, RUDOLPH, and will his friends and customers to extend their patronage to the undersigned, who bears the same name and style of RUDOLPH & HÖRCHNER.

A SUMPTUOUS LUNCH will be spread this evening, to which all are invited.

RUDOLPH & HÖRCHNER.

Victoria, February 5th, 1866.

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FOR SALE.

The Sloop "Ringleader,"

Ten Tons Register, (carries eighteen).

Anchors, Chains & Rigging complete.

For any further information apply to the Captain on board.

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WANTED.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, A NUMBER OF FIRST-CLASS ISLAND RAISED POULTRY.

Apply at SPENCER'S LIBRARY, Government street.

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ENTERPRISE CONCERT ROOMS, Government Street.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT

WILL RE-OPEN THIS EVENING!
WITH THE ADDITION OF
MISS CORA MOSELLE!

And other Favorite Vocalists.

Pianist - - - Mr. G. M. Bray.
ADMISSION FREE. feb 1

NOTICE.

THE PROPRIETOR OF THE ENTERPRISE Concert Room begs leave to announce that the above Establishment will be closed until MONDAY, the 12th instant, when it will be re-opened with fresh talent.

Further particulars on Monday.

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BIG BEND!

To Miners and Travellers.

THE "FRENCH PRAIRIE HOUSE,"

12 MILES ABOVE SHUSWAP LAKE,

on the Government Trail to Columbia river

ready for the accommodation of travellers,

mine workers to carry their supplies to the mines will find there a very large and well-constructed stock of

GOODS, PROVISIONS, TOOLS, CLOTHING AND LIQUORS.

Good chance to save one day's hard packing.

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JANUARY 26th, 1866.

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REMOVAL.

ANDREW ROBERTSON,
MERCHANT TAILOR,

has removed to the building

two doors from the Colchester Office, Government street.

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ADAMSON & HURD.

ACCOUNTANTS,

Real Estate and General Agents,

63, Government street.

VICTORIA, V. I.

Accounts Collected & Loans Negotiated

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Choice

TIMOTHY HAY.

100 TONS OF THE BEST TIMOTHY

Hay for sale by

R. BRODRICK,

UNION WHARF.

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SOFREE.

The regular Monthly Sofree of the

Germania Sing Verein:

Will take place on

Wednesday next, February 7th,

At their Hall,

ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDINGS,

GOVERNMENT STREET.

Tickets can be had of the Committee, and Members of the Society at the door.

COMMITTEE—J. L. JUNGERMAN, C. A. SCHMID,

J. SEHL, Wm. Lohse, A. De Neuf.

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MRS. WILSON BROWN'S

BOARDING SCHOOL!

FOR YOUNG LADIES,

Re-opens on THURSDAY, February 1st

PATRONS:

DR. HEDGES, Speaker of the House of Assembly

ALLEN FRANCIS, Esq., U. S. Consul.

HON. H. BROOKS, H. M. Consul.

Mrs. Wilson Brown has engaged an efficient staff of Teachers for the general branches of English Education.

FRENCH—Madame Lange.

M

D. LINDSAY,
FORT STREET, VICTORIA, V.
ACCOUNTANT,
—AND
OFFICIAL ASSESSOR
IN THE COURT OF BANKRUPTCY,
REAL ESTATE AGENT, HOUSE FAG-
TOR, ACCOUNTS COLLECTED, AND A
LOANS NEGOTIATED, AND A
GENERAL AGENCY BUSINESS
TRANSACTED.

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M. SPROAT, Esq., A. E. COLE, JOHN
HOBSON, STEWARD, E. G. GRANGAN,
Esq.; JOHN WRIGHT, Esq.; JAMES CARWELL,
Esq.

Settlements made every Tuesday.

10 a.m.

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